

William Robert Robins



William was born in June 1878 in Isleworth. He is listed in the 1881 census as living at Lower Square, Isleworth with his mother, Susan Robins aged 25, a Waterman's wife from Portland in Dorset.

In September 1897 William married Sarah Newling from Duxford in Cambridgeshire and in 1901 they are living at 20 Worple Road, Isleworth, William is listed as a steam flour mill labourer and they have 3 children, Florence Annie aged 3, Edith Winifred aged 1 and William Fred 3 months. By the 1911 census, the family has grown and moved to 3 Downton Place, North Street, Isleworth. William, now aged 33 is a market gardener (labourer) and they have 3 additional children: Arthur John, Robert Charles and Ethel Ruby.

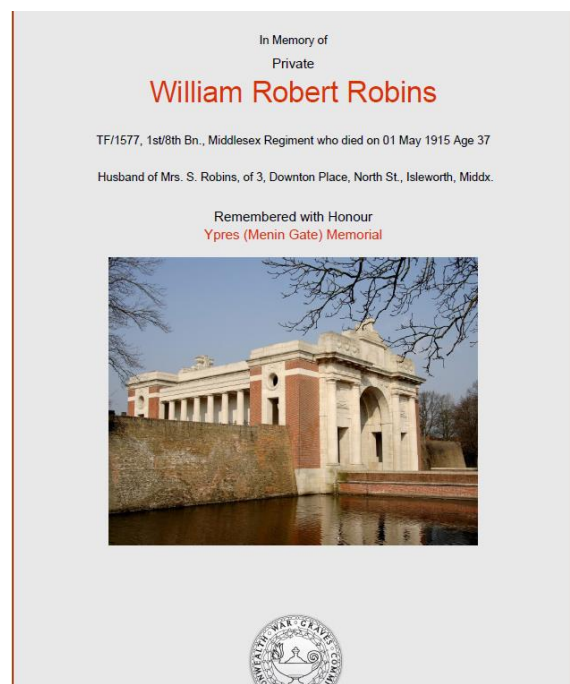


Worple Road, Isleworth, C 1915 Ordnance Survey map. 20 Worple road would have been one of the houses where the present Kings Terrace stands.

William enlisted aged 34 on 31st January, 1912 in Isleworth into the Territorial Force (TF1577) and saw 3 ½ years' service before he was killed on 1st May, 1915. He was with the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) Regiment with the 1st/8th Battalion and is buried at Ypres. His memorial is on the Menin Gate panels 49 and 51. Sarah received a pension of 22s 6d per week for herself and her children from 15th November, 1915. William's personal effects:- his identity disc, notebook, pipe and purse were forwarded on to Sarah on 31st December, 1915.



Lower Square Isleworth and the surrounding area C 1894 Ordnance Survey map



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